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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/580,411	Applicant(s) Jenkins
	Examiner Clark F. Dexter	Art Unit 3724

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 11, 2001

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on Dec 11, 2001 is: approved disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

20) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed December 11, 2001 has been entered.

Drawings

2. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed substitute sheets of drawings, filed on December 1, 2001 have been **approved**.
3. The substitute formal drawing filed on December 11, 2001 has been received.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph

4. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

No support appears to be provided in the original disclosure for the blister die cutter unit being movable relative to the base member through a range of 360 degrees as now set forth in lines 13-14. Rather, support is provided only for structure that permits lateral movements through a range of 360 degrees by virtue of the holes 72 being round and the diameter of the adjustment member 70 being substantially less than the diameter of the hole.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph

5. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3, lines 13-14, the recitation "permitting movement of said blister die cutter unit relative to said base member through a range of 360 degrees" is vague and indefinite as to what is being claimed, particularly as to what movement is being set forth, and it is suggested in line 13 to insert --lateral-- before "movement" or the like.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1 and 3 (as claim 3 is best understood) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Carll, pn 2,313,801.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carll, pn 2,313,801.

Carll discloses a cutter apparatus with almost every structural limitation of the claimed invention but lacks a bottom board, a backup plate, and threaded members connecting the bottom board, backup plate and top board. However, the Examiner takes Official notice that such cutting subassemblies are old and well known in the art and provide well known benefits such as enabling a particular cutting die to be quickly and efficiently installed as a unit; for example, replacing a cutting die subassembly of having one pattern with a cutting die subassembly from storage, the replacement cutting die having another pattern. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to provide the cutter apparatus of Carll with additional structure to create an easily removable subassembly for the well known benefits including those described above.

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Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed December 11, 2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's attention is directed to Figure 3 of Carll which shows different embodiments of connection configurations, at least one of which (e.g. 38) that has the necessary structure to permit the claimed movement.

Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's

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typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3579; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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